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SUBJ: VISIT OF LUIS CABRAL IN SENEGAL

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1. LUIS CABRAL, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU, IS CURRENTLY IN SENEGAL ON HEELS OF VISITS EARLIER THIS MONTH OF PAIGC SECRETARY GENERAL ARISTIDES PEREIRA AND FOREIGN MINISTER VICTOR S MARIA. CABARA, IN COMPANY WITH SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GUINEAN COUNCIL, HAS BEEN IN THE DASAMANCE FOR AT LEAST ON WEEK. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION INCLUDE, COMMANDANT FRANCISCO MENDES, PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER; COMMANDANT MAUEL SATURNINO, SUB-COMMISSIONER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION; JEAN DACOSTA, COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; SAMBA LAMINE, "RESPONSIBLE" FOR AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK; AND COMMANDANT DUKE DJASSI, COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NORTHERN FRONTIER.

2. THE GUINENA DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED AT ZIGUINCHOR BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE CASAMANCE REGIONA AND BY MINISTER OF
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EDUCATION DOUDOU GNOM WHO WAS APPARENTLY THERE ON

BUSINESS OF HIS MINISTRY.

3. WHILE IN THE CASAMANCE, CABRAL GAVE AN INTERVIEW LAST WEEK TO A LE SOLEIL CORRESPONDENT WHICH DID NOT CONTAIN ANY PARTICULAR REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE FOREIGN POLICY OF GUINEA-B OR THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF PAIGC. HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE RATHER FRANKLY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CASAMANCE IN SERVING AS A COVER OR PROTECTION FOR PAIGC EFFORTS (UNE COUVERTURE SUR DE NOTRE ACTION). CABRAL ALSO HAD VERY HARSH WORDS FOR RECENTLY DEPARTED GOV SPINOLA.

4. CABRAL AND PARTY STAYED IN ZIGUINCHOR AWAITING VISIT ON OCTOBER 30-31 OF PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF AND SEVERAL OTHER MINISTERS, IN LONG PUBLICIZED SHOW OF GOS INTEREST IN REGION. HE IS RETURNING TO DAKAR ON OCT 31 IN THE COMPANY OF PRIME MIN DIOUF FOR WHAT IS BILLED AS FULL THREE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, COMPLETE WITH USUAL PALACE BANQUET (PRESIDENT SENGHOR IS ABSENT) AND A PRESS CONFERENCE NOV 2 BEFORE LEAVING COUNTRY ON NOV 3.

5. COMMENT: STEPUP IN PAIGC VISITS TO SENEGAL IS MOST POINTED, AND COULD POINT TO COMING INTENSIFICATION OF GOS-PAIGC COOPERATION. COMPOSITION OF PAIGC DELEGATION SUGGESTS THAT FULL RANGE OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING REFUGEES AND PROBABLY MILITARY SUPPORT FOR PAIGC CONTINGENTS SOUTH OF SENEGAL-GUINEA B BORDER WERE BEING DISCUSSED. PERKINS

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